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## Black History Month

### Allensworth State Historic Park

Amtrak California salutes Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. The park is a portion of the original town of Allensworth, the only California town founded, financed and governed by African Americans.

Founded by Colonel Allen Allensworth in 1908, by 1911 the town boasted 80 residents, a post office, general store, livery, and a hotel—the town's two-room school-house was built a year later. Following Colonel Allensworth's death in 1914, and faced with a dwindling water supply and other economic problems, some were convinced the town was nearing its end. Many residents, however, still believed in the ideals of the colony and the town survived into the 1960s. One resident, Cornelius "Ed" Pope, eventually convinced the state to recognize the significance of the site and designate a portion of the original townsite as a state historic park in 1974. Since then, an ambitious program has restored 14 of the town's original buildings.

More than 150 school children celebrated Black History Month at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park using Amtrak California to get there. Your youth or seniors group can visit the park anytime using San Joaquin trains for as little as \$5 per person roundtrip. All 12 daily trains stop at Allensworth to drop off and pick up groups of 20 or more. Visit [www.amtrakcalifornia.com](http://www.amtrakcalifornia.com) and click on LA to Allensworth, All Aboard Seniors, or Kids N' Trains for more information or call 916/654-5928.

## Just Announced!

Effective with April 2004 monthly tickets, Coaster trains will be part of the hugely successful Rail2Rail program begun last year by Amtrak, Metrolink and Caltrans. Now, Coaster and Amtrak monthly ticket holders can use either train service between San Diego and Oceanside Transit Center. Amtrak and Coaster will honor each other's monthly tickets between these two cities. For details ask the ticket agent, or go online at [gonctd.com](http://gonctd.com) or [amtrakcalifornia.com](http://amtrakcalifornia.com) for more information.

## Fresno Santa Fe Station Restoration

Construction is set to begin in March on the restoration and rehabilitation of the Fresno Amtrak Station.

The \$6 million project will include new Amtrak passenger ticketing and waiting room facilities, to be located in the original 1899

California Mission-style station, business offices and retail space, increased parking and new landscaping.

Scheduled for completion in fall 2004, the station will have the appearance as it did when first opened with important architectural details restored. Additions made to the site over the years will be removed and the station clock and clock tower will be restored.

Major funding for the project comes from the California Department of Transportation. The City of Fresno purchased the building and land from Burlington Northern Santa Fe. Other funding comes from Amtrak, California Pollution Control Financing Authority and the State Office of Historic Preservation.

Johnson Architecture of Fresno conducted the architectural research to assure authenticity of all work performed at the station.



## Amtrak San Joaquin Trains Offer Transit Transfer Service

Transit Transfer service is now being offered on Amtrak California San Joaquin trains.

Passengers on San Joaquin trains may transfer without extra charge to AC Transit buses (except trans-Bay buses to San Francisco) at train stations in Richmond, Emeryville and Oakland; to County Connection buses at the Martinez Amtrak Station; and to Sacramento Regional Transit buses at the Amtrak Sacramento Station and to light rail at the K Street Mall (a few blocks from the Sacramento Station.)

Here's how it works. While enroute, ticket-carrying passengers ask the conductor aboard the train for a Transit Transfer. The conductor will give the passenger a two-part validated transfer good through the dates punched on the transfer. One will be good for an immediate connection and one can be used within the validation date for a return trip to the train.

## Quick Response by Amtrak and BNSF

When fire destroyed a railroad trestle in Madera County in the early morning hours disrupting San Joaquin passenger service and freight trains, Amtrak and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway were quick to respond.

Amtrak immediately set up a bus bridge with Amtrak Thruway Motorcoaches between Merced and Fresno (about 40 miles) to transfer passengers so that no northbound or southbound Amtrak service was interrupted. Passengers left one San Joaquin train, made the short trip on the bus and then boarded the waiting San Joaquin train to continue their journey.

And, within just a few hours of the fire BNSF was at work building a temporary trestle so that uninterrupted passenger and freight trains resumed through service in two days! A new permanent trestle will be built.

## Amtrak Vacations —

### What a Difference the Train Makes

With one simple phone call to Amtrak Vacations® at 1-800-321-8684—you can plan your vacation trip and make all your reservations—for the train and hotel accommodations, and, if you choose, car rental, optional tours and return by air transportation.

Amtrak Vacations® has packaged tours to many destinations across the country, including several in California served by Pacific Surfliner and San Joaquin trains. Decide where you want to go, how long you want to stay and what you want to do when you get there. Then make that one easy phone call.

The package includes moderate hotel accommodations, transfer between the hotel and the train, and at least one tour at each destination. Rail tickets, optional hotel accommodations, and added tours are at additional costs.

California Packages include the following:

- **Anaheim:** Hotel (four nights) and Knott's Berry Farm tour. Disneyland and Universal Studios transportation and admission are optional.
- **Los Angeles:** Hotel (two nights), Sightseeing tour of Hollywood and Los Angeles. Disneyland and Universal Studios transportation and admission are optional.
- **Yosemite:** Two nights accommodations at any of the Park's lodging facilities, transportation between Merced Amtrak Station and Yosemite, and two-hour open-air tram tour of Yosemite Valley.
- **Palm Springs:** Two nights accommodations and Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Golf Packages and admission to Living Desert Zoo and Gardens and Joshua Tree National Park are additional.
- **San Diego:** Two nights accommodations and a trolley tour through Old Town, Embarcadero and Gas Lamp Quarter. Optional tours are available to San Diego Zoo, Legoland, SeaWorld, shopping in Tijuana, Mexico, Ghosts and Gravestones tour and San Diego Seals Tour.
- **San Francisco:** Two nights accommodations and Trolley Hop Tour of Fisherman's Wharf. Optional tours include CityPass® to various attractions, California Wine Country Tour, Lunch aboard Napa Valley Wine Train, Monterey/Carmel sightseeing tour, and half-day at Muir Woods and Sausalito.
- **San Luis Obispo:** Package includes one-night accommodations and tour of Hearst Castle. Options include additional hotel nights and two-night Hearst Castle package.

# All Aboard Seniors Program

Seniors, traveling in groups of 20 or more people, can ride San Joaquin and Pacific Surfliner trains for as little as \$10 per person roundtrip.

The trip must be for a single day and taken Monday through Thursday on Pacific Surfliner trains, and Monday through Thursday and on Saturday aboard San Joaquin trains. The program is not available for travel Friday, Saturday (Pacific Surfliner) or Sunday or during specified blackout periods. The \$10 zone roundtrip fare is available between Los Angeles and San Diego or between Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo on the Pacific Surfliner, and between Bakersfield and Fresno, Fresno and Stockton, or Stockton and Sacramento or San Francisco on the San Joaquin. If your planned trip travels on the train between stations in more than one of the zones—for example Santa Barbara to Anaheim—the cost would be \$20 roundtrip for each passenger. For \$20 per zone, you may use the program for trips involving overnight stays of one or more nights providing both travel days are within the program.

Tour leaders must make a reservation at least 30 days prior to the travel date and purchase the tickets seven days prior to departure. Full information on the program and a reservation form may be found at [www.amtrak-california.com](http://www.amtrak-california.com). Click on “All Aboard Seniors” and go to the Pacific Surfliner or San Joaquin site. You may also fax a request for a complete Seniors Package to be sent to you by mail to Dennis Winger at 916/963-4565.

The special offer is available only through Amtrak’s Group Reservation system using the program reservation form and cannot be made by telephone or at an Amtrak station.

## Use the Amtrak Quik-Trak Machine

It’s an easy and a fast way to get a ticket when you’re in a hurry. Just use your credit or debit card to make a reservation and purchase a ticket at the same time in a station before you board the train. The Quik-Trak Machine will instantly print your train ticket.

Or, you can purchase your ticket in advance at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or 1-800-USA-RAIL and pick up your ticket at the machine. Just be sure to have your reservation number and your credit card. Once you have activated the machine with your credit card, instructions will appear on the screen to follow. It’s that simple.

Quik-Trak machines are a simple way for passengers to obtain tickets at many stations without ticket agents. They also help travelers avoid lines at ticket counters at busy stations.

Quik-Trak machines are located at Bakersfield, Corcoran, Davis, Emeryville, Fremont, Fresno, Irvine, Lodi, Los Angeles, Martinez, Modesto, Oakland, Richmond, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Juan Capistrano, Stockton and Suisun-Fairfield. They accept Master Card, VISA, American Express, Discover, Diners Club, Carte Blanche and most debit cards.



## Red Hat Ladies

You can see them most any day aboard Pacific Surfliner trains. Some 500 Southern California members of the Red Hat Society take the train to various social functions. The only requirement for members is that they wear a red hat and purple dress.

Members of the Society often take the train to Fullerton, where the founding chapter is located, to shop at Imperium, the Red Hat Society’s flagship store. Imperium is located at 110 West Harbor, a short walk from the Amtrak Station. Also in the area are other shops, restaurants and teahouses.

Complete information about the Red Hat Society, including how to join or start a chapter, may be found at their web site: [www.redhatsociety.com](http://www.redhatsociety.com). Fare and schedule information for Pacific Surfliner trains may be found at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or by calling Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL. Red Hat Society members receive a 10% discount on their Amtrak fare.



# Explore Carpinteria Naturally

Pacific Surfliner passengers are offered an exclusive tour package to visit previously "not open to the public" gardens, nurseries and natural history locations in the coastal city of Carpinteria.

The tour package to the beach community 12 miles south of Santa Barbara is only offered the first weekend of the month in January, February, March, April and May. It includes Friday and Saturday night hotel accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express Suites or Best Western Carpinteria Inn. The day-long tour on Saturday includes guided tours of Hollandia Produce—home of hydroponic "Live Gourmet" foods; Ever-Bloom Nursery—largest U. S. grower of colorful Gerberas; Island View Tropical Nursery—exotic flora from around the world; Gallup & Stribling Orchids—America's largest Orchid Farm; a gourmet picnic and visit to the Carpinteria Valley History Museum.

Early, advance reservations are required. Call Carpinteria Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-563-6900, Ext. 12 or 805-684-5479, Ext. 12. Cost for the tour package is \$349 per couple, including hotel. Children 12 and older are \$79 in the same room as parents.

Pacific Surfliner trains offer four daily roundtrips between Carpinteria and Los Angeles/San Diego. Train fares are additional to the tour package. Schedules and fares may be obtained at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or 1-800-USA-RAIL.



## Ridership Continues to Set Records!

Both Amtrak California's Pacific Surfliner and San Joaquin trains continue to post dramatic increases in passenger ridership.

During the last quarter of the year 2003 (the first quarter in Amtrak's fiscal year 2004), Pacific Surfliner trains carried 510,415 passengers, an increase of 10.5% over the same period in the previous year. This follows a record fiscal year, which ended September 30, when more than 2 million passengers rode the trains, an increase of 25% over the previous fiscal year and the first time the trains have topped the 2 million mark.

San Joaquin trains also posted higher passenger traffic in the October-November-December period over the previous year, including record ridership in November. Some 178,302 passengers rode San Joaquin trains during the quarter, with 61,386 passengers aboard the trains during November, an increase of 4.6% over the same month last year and a record for the month.



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